his willingness to consider some financial assistance for the project.

(b) and (c) No proposal was received from the State Government and therefore, it was not possible to earmark funds for this purpose in the current financial year.

The proposal would be considered as and when received based on the merits, availability of funds and *inter-se* priorities.

Proposal for a 'Light and Sound' Show at Shaniwarwada, Pune

393. SHRI SURESH KALMADI : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal has been received by the Central Government for a 'Light and Sound' Show at Shaniwarwada at Pune; and

(b) if so, with decision has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU) : (a) The Department of Tourism has not received a proposal from the State Government of Maharasthra for a Light and Sound Show at Shaniwarwada at Pune.

(b) Does not arise.

Food Processing units in Kerala

394. SHRI M.A. BABY : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether any new project is being considered for food processing in Kerala ; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV) : (a) and (b) There is no proposal to set up any food processing unit in the State of Kerala in the central public sector.

Import of Rubber

395. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the quantity of rubber imported during the year 1989-90 and proposed for the year 1990-91;

(b) whether Government are aware of the difficulties faced by the farmers of Kerala due to the present import policy: and

(c) if so, what remedial steps Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU); (a) to (c) The policy of the Government is to allow import of rubber only to the extent of gap between demand and supply. The Government has a buffer stocking scheme to safegurd the interest of the growers on the one hand and the consuming industry on the other.

The total quantity of import for 1989-90 can be indicated only after the end of the present financial year. However STC has so far during 1989-90 imported 20,810 tonnes of rubber. In addition, about 12,194 tonnes of rubber has been imported by the manufacturers during April-December 1989 under the export incentive scheme. The imports initially planned for 1990-91 are for 30,000 tonnes.

Promotion of Tourism in Kerala

396. SHRI M. A. BABY : Will the Minister of TOURISM be